wholesale Price Index remained at double digit level between 15th November, 1994 to 8th April, 1995. Thereafter the inflation rate declined to the single digit level gradually and continuously reaching 7.7% in the week ending 8th July, 1995.

(d) A number of policy initiatives to contain inflation were introduced late last year. As part of supply management policy a number of steps were taken to ensure availability of essential commodities such as foodgrains, edible oils, sugar and pulses through open market sale, liberal imports under OGL and reduction or waiving of import duty. On the demand side the monetary policy measures taken were meant to bring about moderation in monetary and credit growth.

Pending proposals for power plants in Orissa

244. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals pending with Government for setting up of power plants in Orissa as on 30th June, 1995;

(b) the installed capacities of these plants; and

(c) what are the details of stages at which the proposals are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The following proposals have been received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of techno-economic clearance as on 30th June, 1995:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Type	Capacity (MW)
1.	Sindol	Hydro	320
2.	Addl. Power Generation at Hirakud and Chiplima (Hirakud B & Chiplima B)	Hydro	(4×52) + (4×50) = 208 = 200
3.	Talcher STPP St. II	Thermal	4 × 500

The project authorities have been requested to obtain all clearances and establish the requisite inputs linkages for consideration of the projects by CEA for accord of techno-economic clearance.

Proposal for developing Shirdi for International Tourism

245. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra for developing Shirdi (Saibaba) for International tourism, if so, what is Government's reaction to the proposal; and

(b) whether a proposal for the construction an aerodrome at Shirdi (Saibaba) is under Government's consideration, if so, what is the progress made on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) State Government of Maharashtra had submited Shirdi Development Plan. The Committee on Pilgrim Tourism identified only the development of an airport at Shirdi and a wayside facility at Tryambak.

(b) The State Government of Maharashtra have a proposal for construction of an aerodrome at Shirdi for